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mixtures thereof, in sufficient quantity to grow hair in the area wherein alopecia has occurred and wherein a portion of the stratum corneum of the skin wherein alopecia has occurred has been removed prior to application of the alcohol or mixture of alcohols.

25. (Twice Amended) A method for growing hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred a mixture of alcohols in sufficient quantity to grow hair in the area wherein alopecia has occurred, and wherein the mixture of alcohols, as the sole active hair growth agent, comprises as to the alcohols therein about 80 to about 94 vol. % ethanol and about 6 to about 20 vol. % of methanol, isopropanol and mixtures thereof.

Remarks

The claims have been rejected under 35 USC 112, 102 and 103. The rejection under 35 USC 112 has been rendered moot by removing the term "accelerating" and using "growing".

Additionally, the claims have been narrowed in scope to only claim specific alcohols all having support at page 3, lines 1 - 4 of the specification.

The rejection under 35 USC 102, anticipation, has been overcome by limiting the term alcohol in all the claims.

The obviousness rejection of Luo in view of Merck Index has also been overcome. The complex organic material, dyphylline of Luo has nothing to do with the simple aliphatic alcohols presently claimed. The resorcinol and salicylic acid of the Merck manual are also irrelevant. Resorcinol is actually acidic since it is an aromatic diphenol and salicylic acid is also an aromatic phenol. Neither reference alone or in

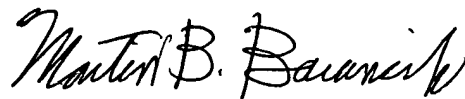
combination make the presently claimed invention obvious, all of which are true alcohols.

The rejection of all the claims for obviousness in view of Merck manual alone or in view of Eggers is also without basis. Clearly resorcinol and salicylic acid have nothing to do with the alcohols being claimed. The Merck manual portion is directed to alopecia. The Eggers reference is directed to virucides particularly against polio, ECHO, rota and adeno. The methanol-ethanol treatment against the viruses has no connection to alopecia or any relationship to resorcinol or salicylic acid, the disclosed compounds of the Merck manual.

The amended claims are clearly patentable.

Applicants by their attorney respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure - Appendix A

Appendix A

Following are marked-up changes showing amendments to the claims.

In the Claims

15. (Twice Amended) A method for growing [accelerating growth of] hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred [an alcohol or mixture of alcohols,] as the sole active hair growth [accelerating] agent an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, butanol, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, ethyl hexane diol, hexylone glycols and mixtures thereof, in sufficient quantity to grow [accelerate] hair [growth] in the area wherein alopecia has occurred.
22. (Twice Amended) A method for growing [accelerating growth of] hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia wherein alopecia has occurred after the hair has been clipped which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred [an alcohol or mixture of alcohols], as the sole active hair growth [accelerating] agent, an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, butanol, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, ethyl hexane diol, hexylone glycols and mixtures thereof, in sufficient quantity to grow [accelerate] hair [growth] in the area wherein alopecia has occurred.
23. (Twice Amended) A method for growing [accelerating growth of] hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which

- comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred [an alcohol or mixture of alcohols,] as the sole active hair growth [accelerating] agent, an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, butanol, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, ethyl hexane diol, hexylone glycols and mixtures thereof, in sufficient quantity to grow hair [accelerate hair growth] in the area wherein alopecia has occurred and wherein the alcohol is ethanol [methanol] or the mixture of alcohols has ethanol [methanol].
24. (Twice Amended) A method for growing [accelerating growth of] hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred [an alcohol or mixture of alcohols,] as the sole active hair growth [accelerating] agent, an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, propanol, butanol, ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, ethyl hexane diol, hexylone glycols and mixtures thereof, in sufficient quantity to grow hair [accelerate hair growth] in the area wherein alopecia has occurred and wherein a portion of the stratum corneum of the skin wherein alopecia has occurred has been removed prior to application of the alcohol or mixture of alcohols.
25. (Twice Amended) A method for growing [accelerating growth of] hair on the skin of a canine or feline having alopecia which comprises applying to the skin of said canine or feline wherein alopecia has occurred a mixture of alcohols in sufficient quantity to accelerate hair growth in the area wherein alopecia has occurred, and wherein the mixture of alcohols as the sole active hair growth [accelerating] agent, comprises as to the alcohols therein about 80

to about 94 vol. % ethanol and about 6 to about 20 vol. % of methanol, isopropanol and mixtures thereof.